

Resolution in Recognition of 1994 Passage of the African American History Required Instruction Florida Statute

WHEREAS, more than 20 years ago, the African American History legislation was passed and the African American History Task Force was established under the Florida Statutes:

Title XLVIII
K-20 EDUCATION CODE
Chapter 1003
PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION

1003.42 Required instruction.—

(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:

(h) The history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall include the contributions of African Americans to American society.

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force is an advocate for Florida's school districts, teacher education training centers, and the community at large, in implementing the teaching of the history of African peoples and the contributions of African Americans to society. The Task Force works to ensure awareness of the requirements identify and recommend needed state education leadership action, assist in adoption of instructional materials by the state, and build supporting partnerships.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of **the Florida School Board Association (FSBA)** endorse and support the mission and goals of the African American History statute and the work of African American Task Force as they advocate for all of Florida's students in the teaching and learning of the history of African Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **FSBA** become an advocate with their respective school boards to embrace and support this work of educating Florida's citizens of the history and contribution of African Americans to this state and country under the required instruction statute.

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